

Earth Ministry

Okay. Hi, thank you for this. My name is Jessica Zimmerle, and I am the Advocacy Director at Earth Ministry in Washington Interfaith Power & Light. We are a faith-based organization here in Washington, and we organize folks from all different spiritual traditions working towards environmental justice. We are in strong support of the clean fuel standard, and our community members showed up year after year to support it in the legislature, to tell their stories about how they are striving to do all they can in their houses of worship to provide electric vehicle charging, and care more carless carpool opportunities, and looking towards our government for more systemic leadership and change. We are glad to get on the bandwagon with California and Oregon, and we also know that the climate crisis is a moral crisis. How we respond to it is really important to us, that it be guided by justice and equity, and sustainability, and stewardship. We have a few points we would like to share, and see incorporated into the final rule. We would like the rule really explicitly incorporate and name the existing obligation to consult with native nations. As we know, it's imperative to keep our treaty promises, and be in a good relationship there. We also really would like to see the rule more clearly align with the HEAL Act, and [unintelligible 00:14:57] for Ecology to track and remedy air pollution impacts and complete environmental justice review in alignment with HEAL. It's important to us that the utilities be held accountable to the reinvestments, to really be able to further electrification, and reduce pollution, and do that mindfully in overburdened communities. Then the last point is around the California baseline for biofuels, and I know that you mentioned the timeline for January meeting that as a starting point, but we would really like to see the rule include a plan for ongoing review as that science advances so we can ensure that the biofuels being used towards the rule are holistically clean. Overall, we are really supportive. We're grateful for the ambitious timeline with the 20% reduction by 2034, and we thank you for your leadership for our shared air and community health. Thank you.